

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF EKLAVYA MODEL SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the scheduled districts in the country where Eklavya Model Schools have been set up;
- (b) whether the Government has a proposal to set up more Eklavya Model Schools in the country;
- (c) if so, the number of such Eklavya Model Residential Schools proposed to be set up in 2007-08;
- (d) whether any review has been made on the working of these schools since they are set up;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether such Model Schools have not yet started functioning in some States; and
- (g) if so, the direction given by the Union Government to the State Governments to make such schools fully functional?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

- (a) : A list of partly / wholly scheduled districts in the country having Eklavya Model Residential schools(EMRSs) is annexed.
- (b) : No, Sir.
- (c) : Does not arise.
- (d)&(e) : A study was carried out during 2005 by the National Institute of Educational Planning & Administration (NIEPA) at the behest of the National Advisory Committee (NAC).The study covered four States one each from Eastern, Western, Northern and Southern Regions. In the study, the initiative of setting up of EMRS was appreciated. It also highlighted certain shortcomings and the same were brought to the notice of all the concerned States. Further,The Standing Committee constituted by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs also reviewed the setting up and functioning of the Eklavya Model Residential Schools in its meeting held on 18.10.2006 wherein following important issues were discussed :
 - (1) The future management of these schools viz formation of the Eklavya Vidyalaya Samiti (EVS) as registered society under the Central Government.
 - (2) Revision of recurring/non-recurring cost norms.
 - (3) Need for at least one such school in each ITDP/ITDA.
 - (4) Increase in number of sections/students in each school.
- (f) : Yes, Sir.
- (g) : All those States in which the sanctioned EMRSs have not yet started functioning have been directed to undertake steps to make the schools operational in 2007-08.